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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, FR, IR, TH, MY, SN, AS, NZ

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THE VICE PRESIDENT TO VISIT
IRAN AND SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WHICH THE
PRESIDENT WAS UNABLE TO VISIT FOLLOWING HIS TRIP TO CHINA.

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THE TRIP IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR THE MARCH 20 - APRIL 4

PERIOD AND WILL ALLOW THE VICE PRESIDENT TO RESPOND TO THE LONG-STANDING INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA IN LATE MARCH.

2. CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO A BRIEF STOP IN PARIS TO PARTICIPATE IN FRENCH CELEBRATIONS OF OUR BICENTENNIAL.

3. ADDRESSEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS BELOW, SHOULD ASCERTAIN FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS FEASIBILITY OF VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT DURING TIME FRAMES LISTED IN PARA 11. IN SO DOING, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED TO HOST GOVERNMENT THAT SOME ADJUSTMENT IN THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE MAY BE NECESSARY CLOSER TO THE TENTATIVE TIME OF THE VISIT.

4. VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND A SMALL NUMBER OF STAFF MEMBERS AS WELL AS SECURITY PERSONNEL.

5. SUGGESTIONS FOR ITINERARY IN EACH COUNTRY AND CALLS ON GOVERNMENT LEADERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED FROM ADDRESSEES. SOME PRIVATE TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN FRANCE, THAILAND AND AUSTRALIA.

6. FOR SECURITY REASONS AND DUE TO TENTATIVENESS OF PLANS, INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO TRIP SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL FOR TIME BEING.

7. FOR PARIS: PLEASE SEND PROPOSALS FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN APPROPRIATE BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES.

8. FOR BANGKOK: YOU SHOULD ADVISE RTG OF TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, AND SEEK RTG APPROVAL FOR TENTATIVE DATES LISTED.

9. FOR TEHRAN, KUALA LUMPUR, SINGAPORE, AND WELLINGTON: YOU SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION THAT VICE PRESIDENT VISIT THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THEM AND THAT DATES SUGGESTED WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONVENIENT. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE BELIEVE VISIT WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

10. FOR CANBERRA: AS YOU ARE AWARE, VICE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN INVITED BY A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES, MOSTLY IN SYDNEY. VICE PRESIDENT WILL OF COURSE WANT TO

INCLUDE IN AUSTRALIA VISIT SOME SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS
AND CALLS IN CANBERRA, AS WELL AS UNDERTAKE APPROPRIATE
ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.
YOU SHOULD INFORM GOA OF TENTATIVE DATES FOR VICE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT, AND SEEK GOA ADVICE ON WHICH
BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES GOA BELIEVES WOULD BE MOST
APPROPRIATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION.
FOLLOWING THIS CONSULTATION, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY DURING
AUSTRALIA VISIT.

11. PROPOSED ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

ALL TIMES LOCAL

DEPART NEW YORK (JFK) FOR PARIS 9:00 AM MARCH 20, 1976

FLYING TIME: 6:50 MINUTES
TIME CHANGE: PLUS 5 HOURS

ARRIVE PARIS. RON 8:50 PM MARCH 20, 1976

DEPART PARIS ENROUTE TEHRAN 9:00 AM MARCH 23, 1976

FLYING TIME: 6:10 MINUTES
TIME CHANGE: PLUS 2:30 MINUTES

ARRIVE TEHRAN. RON. 5:40 PM MARCH 23, 1976

DEPART TEHRAN ENROUTE BANGKOK 9:00 AM MARCH 25, 1976

FLYING TIME: 7:20 MINUTES
TIME CHANGE: PLUS 3:30 MINUTES
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ARRIVE BANGKOK. 7:50 PM MARCH 25, 1976

DEPART BANGKOK ENROUTE KUALA 3:00 PM MARCH 27, 1976
LUMPUR

FLYING TIME: 1:50 MINUTES
TIME CHANGE: PLUS 0:30 MINUTES

ARRIVE KUALA LUMPUR 5:20 PM MARCH 27, 1976

DEPART KUALA LUMPUR ENROUTE 1:00 PM MARCH 28, 1976
SINGAPORE

FLYING TIME: 0:50 MINUTES

NO TIME CHANGE

ARRIVE SINGAPORE. RON. 1:50 PM MARCH 28, 1976

DEPART SINGAPORE ENROUTE CANBERRA 11:00 AM MARCH 29, 1976

FLYING TIME: 7:40 MINUTES

TIME CHANGE: PLUS 2:30 MINUTES

ARRIVE CANBERRA. RON. 9:10 PM MARCH 29, 1976

DEPART CANBERRA. ARRIVE SYDNEY UNKNOWN UNKNOWN

DEPART SYDNEY ENROUTE OHAKEA 9:00 AM APRIL 1, 1976

FLYING TIME: 3:10 MINUTES

TIME CHANGE: PLUS 2:00 HOURS

ARRIVE OHAKEA. TRAVEL TO 2:10 PM APRIL 1, 1976

WELLINGTON

REMAIN IN NEW ZEALAND APRIL 2, 1976

DEPART OHAKEA FOR NEW YORK VIA 9:00 AM APRIL 3, 1976

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